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Shasta-Trinity National Forest 3644 Avtech Pkwy Redding, CA, 96002

Dear Ms. McElroy,

The following are Sierra Pacific Industries, Shasta Lake Sawmill Division's comments for the August Fire Restoration Project.

Sierra Pacific Industries is generally in support of salvage efforts when done in a timely manner, however it is now about nine months post fire and we still don't have a project advertised. Please keep in mind the value of any commercial products is rapidly diminishing so limit or exclude any extra work items in any timber sales. Additionally, LOP's will only further delay the project and worsen the situation.

This work is greatly needed to keep the forest roads safely open and initiate the recovery process so please plan to use appropriated funds to do site prep, road work, and hazard tree removal of non-merchantable trees.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Joe Puentes

Sierra Pacific Industries
Shasta Lake Sawmill Division